

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Panama
Program Title:	Ruling Justly
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	525-021
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$990,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID's program will: strengthen the rule of law by improving the justice system, facilitating citizens' access to justice, and assuring civil society participation in promoting judicial reforms; improve transparency and accountability in government by supporting reform of the legal framework for transparency, and by developing Panamanian capacity to curtail, investigate, and prosecute corruption cases; and strengthen citizen watchdog groups and promote ethical values in public and private institutions. The focus will be on improving transparency and accountability in government and strengthening civil society oversight through social audits. No resources will be allocated in FY 2007.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Promote and Support Anticorruption Reforms: (\$990,000 ESF). Building upon USAID support in FY 2005 that helped operationalize the Government of Panama's (GOP) National Anticorruption Council (NAC) and subsequently, assisting in developing an anticorruption strategy, USAID is providing technical assistance and training to: reinforce the institutional capacity of the NAC, the Controller General's Office and the Public Ministry to curb corruption as well as investigate and prosecute corruption cases; design and develop monitoring systems to identify areas that are vulnerable to corruption; and deepen and widen civil society capacity to conduct social audits. The U.S. firm, Casals and Associates, is the principal contractor.

FY 2007 Program:

Promote and Support Anticorruption Reforms: No funding is budgeted for this activity in FY 2007.

Performance and Results: In FY 2005, USAID support to civil society led to: the signing of a State Pact for Justice and the creation of the Commission on Justice Reforms; and development of an agenda for reform of the justice system. Also, in FY 2005, USAID support to the NAC led to it becoming fully operational. Subsequently, the Council developed an anticorruption strategy which is pending approval by the Torrijos Cabinet.

By program completion, USAID expects that Panama will have progressed towards transparency and accountability. There will be no resources allocated in FY 2007.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Panama

525-021 Ruling Justly	ESF
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	1,000
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	1,000
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	2,226
Expenditures	841
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	3,226
Expenditures	841
Unliquidated	2,385
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	990
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	990
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	0
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	4,216